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Re: Application of Bernard DABEZIES of NEUILLY S/SEINE, FRANCE;
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 METHOD OF LASER WELDING OVERLAPPING SHEETS
 AND CORRESPONDING RAILWAY VEHICLE BODY
 Our Ref: Q-57442

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and in accordance with Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

___ an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
X an English translation of the International Application.
 ___ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
 ___ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
 ___ an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
X an Information Disclosure Statement containing the International Search Report, Form PTO-1449 and a complete copy of each reference.

Please see the attached PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT.

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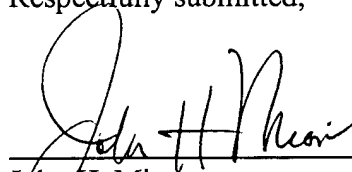
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Priority is claimed from May 18, 1998 based on French application Serial No. 98/06254.

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